

Law (Education) (1926) Department.

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G.O. No. 1162,

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[Despatch Abstract.]

District Educational Council, Coimbatore -
Recognition of and aid to elementary schools -
Resolution prescribing minimum strength - Director of
Public Instruction's remarks communicated to the
District Educational Council.

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Legislative Council Office,
2-12-25.

Starred Question.

Mr. R. Veerian.

THE LAW (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

Q 1650. Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state :-

(a) whether the Government are aware that at the last meeting of the Coimbatore District - Educational Council, Coimbatore, a resolution was passed to the effect that schools having less than twenty pupils should not be recognised;

(b) whether the Government have accepted the resolution already; and

(c) if not, whether they will be pleased to pass orders to cancel such a ~~hard~~ resolution ~~is detrimental to the progress of education among~~ which would defeat the ~~di-dravida education~~ ~~is not~~;

(c) (d) how many such councils have passed similar resolutions?

(e) if they are not aware, ^{whether will} will they be - pleased to make enquiries into the matter;

(f) whether the Government ^{realise} consider that the existing rules prescribed for regulating the grant of recognition and aid to schools will not suffice; and

(g) if they have no information with reference to clauses (a) to (f), will they be pleased to call for the information?

T.N.G.

Ans
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Law (Edn) Dept.

Legislative Council Question no. 1650.
Draft answer.

clauses (a), (b), (c)

The Director

of Public Instruction has been asked to submit a report on the matter.

clause (e) The Government have no information.

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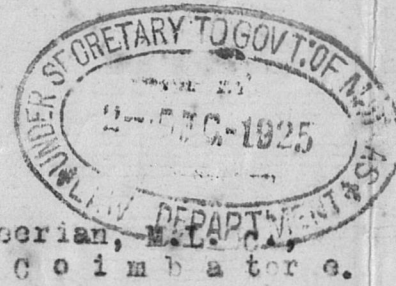
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A report has been called for.

Law Edn no. 4740 A-1
18.12.25.

Answer DESPATCHED
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Coimbatore,
29th November 1925.

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From
R. Veerian, M.L.A.,
Coimbatore.

To
The Secretary,
Govt. of Madras,
Law (Education) Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

At the last meeting of the Coimbatore District Educational Council, Coimbatore a resolution was brought forward to the effect that schools having less than 25 pupils should not be recognised. Finally the number was reduced to 20. This figure will also involve closing most of the schools started for the members of the depressed classes not only by the Adi Dravida Teacher-managers, but also by the Christian Missionaries. It is a pity that practical difficulties were not at all taken into consideration. It is most difficult to secure an attendance of even 15 in several of the villages owing to their poverty. If the minimum with 12 it would be all right.

If no grant will be given to a school which has not at least 20 pupils according to the present resolution in the schools, why not, refuse a grant for any teacher who has not at least 20 pupils in his class. Am I unreasonable in suggesting this, in any way? The existing rules for regulating the grant of recognition and aid will be quite sufficient, and therefore such a subsidiary rule such as laid down in the resolution under reference, is not at all necessary. The Dt. Educational Councils are created solely to look after the improvement of the Elementary education. Is this the way of improving elementary education? Local conditions are quite different, and I am sure that the resolution passed by the Dt. Education Council if strictly enforced would seriously defeat the Adi Dravida education. Taking my practical points into consideration, I hope the authorities concerned will not kindly accept the resolution in the interests of the depressed classes.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
R. Veerian

Lane (Edu), Dept.

District Educational Council —

Coincidence - Resolution regarding
recognition of schools - Letter
from MRRy P. Keerian and H. L. C.,
dated 29. 11. 25.

Referred to the D. P. J. for
remarks.

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REMINDER.

To THE Director of Public Instruction

Law DEPARTMENT.
Education Branch.

REPLY.

To THE Secretary to Government
Law (Education)

The undersigned ^{has the honour to invite} is directed to invite ^{invites} Retransmitted.

attention to the communication noted in the margin and to request that this reminder may be returned at once with information as to—

- (1) the stage at which the matter now is,
 - (2) the date by which a reply may be expected, and
 - (3) the circumstances which have caused the delay.
2. It is requested that the reply to this reminder may be sent not later than

2. The District Educational Officer, Coimbatore and the Nilgiris has been addressed in the matter and his reply is awaited. The papers will be resubmitted on receipt of the District Educational Officers' reply.

Office Law & Edu. Dept.

Station Fort St. George.

Dated 13.2.26

SUBJECT.

District Educational Council,
Coimbatore — Resolution regarding
recognition of Schools.

Signature.
Designation.

for Director of Public Instruction

A.T. 17/2/26

on 10-3-1926 if necessary.

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REMINDER.

Law DEPARTMENT.
Education Branch.

REPLY.

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To THE Director of
Public Instruction

To THE Secretary to Government
Law (Education) Department

The undersigned ^{has the honour to invite} is directed to invite ^{Retransmitted}

attention to the communication noted in the
No. 4589/1 dated 5/2/25 margin and to
this reminder may be returned at once with
information as to—

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 - (2) the date by which a reply may be expected, and
 - (3) the circumstances which have caused the delay.
2. It is requested that the reply to this reminder may be sent not later than

2. The papers have not yet been received back from the District Educational Officer, Coimbatore and the Nilgiris. They will be resubmitted on receipt.

A Rama Ray
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for Director of Public Instruction

Law Dept

The D.P.D. may be reminded again, if necessary on 20.5.26.

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Office Law Dept. *Mananagachari*
Station Fort St George
Dated 3rd April 1926
Signature. *Mananagachari*
Designation. Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT.
D.H. Council, Coimbatore
Resolution regarding
recognition of elementary
schools.

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Subject.

District Educational Council, Coimbatore - resolution
recognition and aid - new schools.

ENCLOSURES.

No.

R.O.C. No. 2669 B/25

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Station Madras Dated the 25th May 1926

From (Name) R.G. Grieve Esq., M.A.,

(Designation) Ag: Director of Public Instruction

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras

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Department.

Sir,

In resubmitting herewith the letter referred to
me for remarks in Government Endorsement No. 4589 A-1 dated
5-12-25 I have the honour to enclose copies of the endorse-
ment R.C.No. 548/25 dated 30-4-25 of the President, District
Educational Council Coimbatore and the resolution No. 89
dated 19-2-26 of the District Educational Council on the
subject-

2. Attention is invited to rule 1 of the rules
relating to recognition and rule 4 of the rules relating to
aid, framed under section 41(2) and 42(2) respectively of the
Madras Elementary Education Act 1920. It is observed there-
from that recognition and aid shall depend upon satisfactory
evidence of the educational needs of the locality in addition

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to other requirements. The need is determined by the inspecting officers who have a local knowledge of the schools. The great test should be ^{the} necessity for the school in the locality. Therefore it is not desirable that the District Educational Council should lay down hard and fast rules regarding minimum strength. Each case may be considered on its own merits.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

A Rama Ray
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For Director of Public Instruction

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Copy of letter No.R.O.C.548/25 dated 30-4-26 from the President, District Educational Council, Coimbatore.

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Retransmitted to the District Educational Officer Coimbatore and the Nilgiris.

2. The subject was brought for a second time before the meeting of the Council held on the 19th February 1926, when Mr.R.Veerian was also present among the 21 members that attended. An appeal signed by all the protestant missionaries of the district had also been received in this office through Rev.R.Robertson. A thorough and lengthy discussion ensued for over half an hour on the subject; as you know, the merits, and the demerits of the resolution were gone into and finally the Council decided not to interfere with the original resolution in question, which as it stands, is not only perfect, but is consistent with workability and principles of economy too. The appeal of the Missionaries was also withdrawn by Rev.R.Robertson on the assurance of the President that the resolution does not affect the recognition of the existing schools.

3. So far as the second Proviso is concerned, viz., "that grant will be reduced in proportion if the strength in the recognised school falls below 20" neither Rev.R.Robertson nor Mr.Veerian had anything to say as it aims at efficiency and economy. The amendment was proposed by the Collector

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on the meeting of the 27th October which was also equally well attended to.

4. In the light of the above, I think further comment is needless on the subject.

5. I append herewith a statement of figures regarding certain schools below 20 in strength and the grants given to them.

6. I may also point out that the resolution in question was necessitated by the pertinent remark found on page 2 para 3 of the report on the Educational Survey, Coimbatore District.

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Copy of the Resolution No.89 dated 19-2-26 of the Coimbatore District Educational Council.

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"Read again resolution No.40/D-E.C. dated 27th October 1925 and letter dated 1-12-25 from Rev.R.Robertson forwarding protest to that resolution signed by all the protestant missionaries in the District; also proposal of M.R.Ry A.R.Subramania Ayyar Avl., to modify that resolution as follows:-

(a) In view of the statement made in para 3 of page 2 of the report on Elementary Education Survey of 1924-25 Coimbatore District, this council resolves not to recognise any elementary school which has not a strength of at least 20 at the beginning save in exceptional and meritorious cases, and no teacher will subsequently be admitted to aid in the same school unless the strength is another 20 for every additional teacher over and above the workable minimum of 30, his senior assistants each should have, and that recognition or aid, as the case may be, shall be withdrawn whenever, that in any particular school there is a fall in strength below the required number to the satisfaction of the Educational authorities. In case of general reduction in the rate of payment of grant deduction will be made in proportion to the fall in strength between the maximum permissible viz., 40 and the workable minimum of 30 per teacher. In case of increment of grant over the assessed grant the claims of those schools who keep up regularly the desirable minimum may be considered in addition to the merits.

(b) This Council resolves to invite the attention of the Palladam Taluk Board to the very low strength of the pupils in some school and the extra number of teachers employed in some other under the management and requests the Board to take steps to investigate the matter thoroughly as soon as practicable and carry out necessary changes in the light of the resolution read above; the Board will also be well advised that the appointment of a separate Supervisor to make effective supervision of its schools is quite essential and urgent before other items are considered.

(c) Copies of these resolutions be communicated to other Taluk Boards and Municipal Councils and other private agencies for information.

Resolution:- Rev.R.Robertson withdrew the appeal from the protestant mission on the assurance of the President that the Resolution No.40/D.E.C. dated 27th October, 1925, does not affect the recognition of the existing schools.

(True copies)

A R d u a Ray
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For Director of Public Instruction

Schools which have a strength below 10--and the Teaching grants assigned to them during 1925-26

No.	Name of school	Strength	D.I.S	D.E.O's.	Council's	Remarks
1.	Nochipalayam L.M.A.Ely	7	96	80	80	Earned
2.	Basuvapatti ..	9	75	60	60	..
3.	Thottampatti ..	17 (2 trs.)	145	132	132	..
4.	Senapathipalayam L.M.A.	8	70	70	70	..
5.	Karuppanavalasu Hindu	9	72	72	72	..
6.	Vellodu L.M.A. Ely.	8	62	62	62	..
7.	Villarasampatti L.M.A.Ely		82	82	78	-5%
8.	Sangankadu L.M.A. Ely	6	34	R.at risk	38	-5%
9.	Thammareddipalayam W.M.A.	7	72	72	68	..
10.	Veeranampalayam ..	9	80	80	80	..
11.	Nathakattupalayam L.M.A.	4	60	60	57	..
12.	Parapalayam L.M.A.	8	60	60	57	..
13.	Pamdipalayam L.M.A.	8	78	78	74	..
14.	Uthukuli L.M.A. Ely	7	54	54	54	-10%
15.	Kannivadi W.M.A.	7	58	58	58	..
16.	Sinnaputhur W.M.A.	8	63	70	63	..
17.	Manakkavadu W.M.A.	9	80	84	76	..
18.	Olaipalayam W.M.A.	9	108	108	108	..
19.	Pattakarampalayam L.M.A.	..	71	71	76	..
20.	Arukkampalayam ..	..	45	45	54	..
21.	Palatholuvu L.M.A. Ely.	7	45	45	51	-15%
22.	Masagoundanchettipalayam L.M.A.,	only one present out of 4	45	R at risk	38	..
23.	Jambai L.M.A. Ely	..	45	45	51	..
24.	Urachikkottai L.M.A.		45	45	51	..
25.	Manakkadavu Hindu		45	45	51	..

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For Director of Public Instruction

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Recognition and aid - New School

The President, St. Eds.
Council, Coimbatore, is
requested to furnish a
copy of the Council's
resolution no. 10 of Dec. 27, 1925, regarding recognition
of aid aid to new elementary
schools.

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The P.D.E.C., Coimbatore

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Extract from
Proceedings of the Meeting of the District Educational Council,
held on Tuesday the 27th October 1925 at 3 P.M. in the
Office Hall of the Dist. Edl. Council, Coimbatore.



Members Present.

1. M.R.Ry. C.M. Ramachandra Chettiar Avl., B.A., B.L., --President.
2. ,, T.S. Sivasubramaniya Chettiar Avl., B.A., --Vice-President.

Ex-Officio.

3. A.R. Cox Esqr. I.C.S., District Collector, Coimbatore.
4. C. Ransford Esqr. M.A., District Educational Officer Coim. & Nilgiris.

Nominated.

5. Mrs. Lakshmi R. Sivan.
6. M.R.Ry. K.R. Subbaraya Ayyar Avl., B.A., L.T.
7. Muhammad Khalandar Sahib Bahadur.
8. Khan Sahib G.A. Gulam Hussain Sahib Bahadur.

Elected.

9. M.R.Ry. C.V. Venkatramana Ayyangar Avl., B.A., B.L., M.L.C.
10. ,, K. Ramaswami Ayyar Avl.
11. ,, V.S. Raja Goundar Avl.
12. ,, Chikkempai Goundar Avl.
13. ,, A.R. Subramanya Ayyar Avl.
14. ,, C.S. Venkatachariar Avl.
15. ,, V.K. Palaniswami Goundar Avl.
16. ,, R. Venkatesa Ayyangar Avl.
17. ,, S.K. Karuppanna Thevar Avl.
18. ,, S.M. Marudachala Thevar Avl.
19. ,, T. Srinivasa Mudaliyar avl., B.A., B.L.
20. Rey. R. Robertson B.D.
21. The Very Reverend Father L. Bechu V.G.

Total Members present 21 (Including the President.)

Read. —

Extract from the Proceedings of the Meeting of the District
Educational Council, Coimbatore dated 27th
October 1925.

Read:-

Report on Elementary Education Survey of 1924-25,
Coimbatore District, and the following President's note
thereon:-

" In view of the Statement made in Para 3 of Page
2 of the Report on Elementary Education Survey, Coimbatore
District, this Council resolves not to recognise any Ele-
mentary school which has not got a strength of 25 save in
exceptional and meritorious cases.--- Mr. A.R. Cox Esqr.
moved the following amendment:-

" * number "25" to be altered into "20" and to add
" and to reduce the grant in proportion, if the strength in
the recognised schools falls below 20."

Resolution No. 40/D.E.C. dated 27-10-1925.

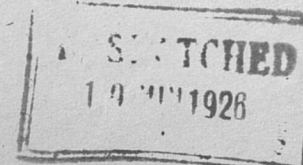
Resolution carried as amended.

(Sd.) C.M. Ramachandra Chettiar.
President.

(True Extract.)

Submitted to the Secretary to Government, Law & Education,
with reference to his memorandum no. 1966-A-I dated the 7th June 1926.

[Signature]
President
District Educational Council,
Coimbatore.



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Submitted to the Secretary to Government, Law & Education,
with reference to his memorandum no. 1966-A-I dated the 7th June 1926.

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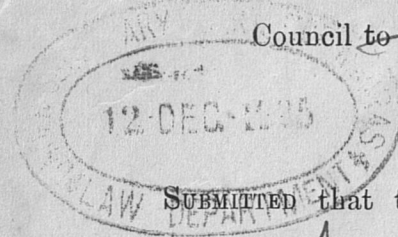
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QUESTION.—No. 1650

for the meeting of the Legislative

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Council to be held on the



Submitted that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the Law (Education) Department.

The Question has been admitted.

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U.O. No. 3570-3 dated 12. 12. 25.

To

The Law (Education) Department.

Law (Education) Dept.

The Hon'ble member has addressed the Govt. separately on the subject. The letter dated 29-11-25 was referred to the D. P. C. for remarks vide entry 4589A-1 dated 5-12-1925. A draft answer has submitted for approval.

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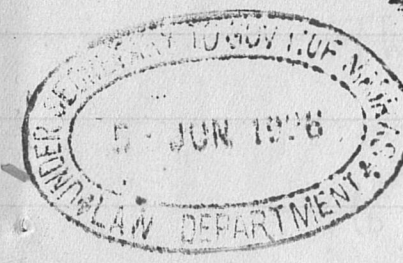
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Recognition of elementary schools.
(12.2.26) * 1383 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—
(a) whether the Government are aware that at the last meeting of the Coimbatore District Educational Council, Coimbatore, a resolution was passed to the effect that schools having less than twenty pupils should not be recognized;
(b) whether the Government have accepted the resolution already; and
(c) how many such Councils have passed similar resolutions?
A.—(a) & (b) A report has been called for.
(c) The Government have no information.

part [CM 1966A] 1966A-1, of 5-12-25
from the D.D.C., Dec no. 266913/25,
of 25.5.26.

The resolution of the D.E.C., Coimbatore, no. 40, of 27.10.25. which is the subject of discussion has not been received here. A copy may be called for from the President, D.E.C., Coimbatore.
Draft memo submitted.



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part Memo No. 1966A1, of 7-6-26.
[CM-2170A] from the P.D.E.C., Coimbatore, Dec no 54875,
of 9.6.26.
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The resolution passed by the Coimbatore District Educational Council, Coimbatore, on 27.10.25. is with reference to the remarks in the report on the elementary education survey of the Coimbatore

Coimbatore D.T., which is extracted below:-

"The average number of pupils taught by a teacher (in the district) is twentyfive, which shows that nearly 10,500 more pupils can be taught in the existing schools provided that arrangements are made for the additional accommodation required in them."

2. As pointed out by the D.P.D., under the rules issued in G.O. No. 208, 21-2-22, recognition and aids should depend upon satisfactory evidence of the educational needs of the locality in addition to other requirements. The needs for the schools is determined by the inspecting officers who have a local knowledge of the schools. ~~The D.P.D.~~

should thus decide whether a school should be ~~admitted~~ recognised and admitted to aid after considering the recommendations of the inspecting officers and should not refuse recognition ^{to a school} merely on the ground that the school has less than 20 pupils.

3. On the other hand it may be argued from the point of view of the D.P.D. Council that ~~the continuation of schools in which the attendance is less than 20 is not necessary and that it is not fair to give the same amount of grant to~~

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to a school giving instruction to less than 20 pupils, as is given to a school giving instruction from 30 to 40 pupils. The resolution passed by the D.P.C., Coimbatore would serve as an incentive to teachers or teacher-managers to ~~secure the admission~~ ^{secure the admission} into their schools of as many pupils as are available. Otherwise so long as they receive the full amount of grant or obtain recognition without reference to the number of pupils, the teachers ~~would~~ ^{may} not be anxious to ~~get~~ ^{admit} into their schools more pupils. The cases of schools intended for depressed class pupils or those opened by Adi Dravida teacher-managers referred to in Mr. Keerian's letter will be met by the saving clause provided in the resolution that the principle would not be applied to special and meritorious cases. ~~the resolution is of no effect~~

Under Section 21 of the Elementary Education Act, 1908, the Govt. can suspend or cancel any resolution of a D.P.E.D. Council.

For orders whether the resolution in question may be left alone or whether the Council should be asked not to give effect to it.

It does not appear that Govt. should interfere with the working rule framed by the Council.
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Law (Education) DEPARTMENT.

D.E.C. Coimbatore

Recognition of and aid to elementary schools - Resolution prescribing minimum strength - D.P.I's remarks communicated to the D.E.C.

READ AGAIN G.O. No....., dated.....192

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READ ALSO :—

C. No. 4589 A From the M.R.Ry.R.Veerian Avl.,, No., dated 29-11-1925.
M.L.C.

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ORDER.

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No. 1162, dated 25. 6. 1926.

A copy of the D.P.I.'s letter R.O.C. No. 2669 B/25, dated 25-5-26, is communicated to the D.E.C., Coimbatore, ^{passed} with reference to resolution No. 40/ at its meeting held on ~~the~~ 27th October 1925, prescribing a minimum strength of 20 pupils for an elementary school ~~seek-~~ing recognition and aid. The D.E.C. is requested to consider the advisability of modifying the resolution in view of the remarks contained in paragraph 2 of the Director's letter.

To
The P-D.E.C. Coimbatore (with
copy of D.P.I's letter, 2669
B/25 dated 25-5-26) 147-846
The D.P.I. ✓
Copy to M.R.Ry. R.Veeriah Avl.,
M.L.C., Coimbatore,
(with copy of D.P.I's letter)

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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DETTO.

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